

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus claims 1-13 and 15-17 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is included in this amendment.

The Claim Objection:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claim 14 is objected to because "lead-in" should be "lead out." Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; thus, the objection to claim 14 is moot.

The Rejection:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP2000-231722. Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; thus, the rejection of claim 14 is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter:

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-13 and 15-17 are allowed.

Conclusion:

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered as the amendment cancels all of the rejected claims. The remaining claims being allowed, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

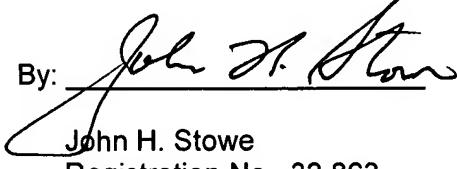
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 50-3333.

Respectfully submitted,

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